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[Despatch Abstract.]

ASAVAS AND ARISHTAS - Ayurvedic Medicines - Exclusion from the Madras Prohibition Act.

A. Kaleswara Rao. M.L.A.

VIZIAVADA,
19- 8- 48.

To

The Honorable Health Minister
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honour of Forwarding to you the proceedings and resolutions of the meeting of the Andhra Ayurvedic physicians held at Vijayavada on 17-8-48 under my presidency. I request you to be good enough to receive the deputation when they go to Madras to see you at your convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd. A.Kaleswara Rao.

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AYURVEDIC PHYSICIANS CONFERENCE. VIJAYAVADA.

A largly attended meeting of the Andhra Ayurved physicians was held on 17-8-48 at 5-30 p.m. in the Theosophican lodge at Vijayavada, Sri.A.KaleswaraRao, M.L.A., presided. Messrs Prakasachendra Sathapathi, T.B.Krishnamachary and V.T. Ramanuja Swami leading Ayurvedic Physicians spokeabout the hardship caused to the Ayurvedic System of Medicine by the Madras Government compelling Ayurvedic Physicians to obtain licenses for preparing "Asavaristas" or keeping them for sale as if they were vendore of liquor and toddy. They all regret the arrests of some ayurvedic doctors by the police for not obtaining such licenses and deplored that a Congress Government should cause humiliation to the National system of medicine in this and other ways instead of giving a helping h for its progress. They condemned the attitude of some responsible persons who have stated that Allopathy is the only scientific system of medicine and that Ayurveda is not scientific. The president said that it is the duty the Congress Government to help the Ayurvedic system in all possible ways it is the National System of Medicine, Hygine and Health giving relief to the vast majority of population of our country particularly those who are living in the Rural area even to-day. He narrated his own experiences and those of his friends and showed howAyurveda gives better and sounder treatment than Allopathy. The meeting then passed the following resolutions :-

1. That this meeting of the Andhra Ayurvedic Physicians held at Vijayavada on the evening of 17-8-48 requests to the Government of Madras to exclude the "Asavaristas" which are important Ayurvedic medicines from the purvie of the prohibition Act and to cancell all the G.O.s requiring Ayurvedic Physicians to take licenses for the preparation or sale of those medicines.

2. This meeting further urges on the Government of Madras to cancell the criminal prosecutions pending against some of the Ayurvedic Physicians in Guntur and Nell Districts for not obtaining such licences.

3. This meeting appoints the following Ayurvedic Physicians to wait in deputation on the Hon'ble The Premier the Hon'ble Prohibition Minister, the Hon'ble Health Minist and the Hon'ble Finance Minister to the Government of Madras in connection with this matter and requests Sri A. Kaleswara Rao, M.L.A., representing Vijayavada and Masulipatam towns to lead this deputation.

1. P.C.Sathapathi.
2. M.Venkatasastry.
3. Satyala Narasibabu Partrudu.
4. V.T.V.Ramanujaswami.
5. T.B.Krishnamachary.
6. K-Vishnuvardhana Rao.
7. Sidtla Subrahmanya Sastry.

The resolutions have been passed unanimously.

A. Kaleswara Rao,
President.

Education and Public Health
Department (H2)

Letter No.249, dated 27-1-49.

To

Sri A.Kaleswara Rao, M.L.A.,
VIJAYAVADA.

Sri,

Ref: Your letter dated 19-8-48 to H.M.(P.H) forwarding the resolutions passed at the meeting of the Andhra Ayurvedic Physicians held at Vijayavada on 17-8-48.

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I am directed to state that no criminal prosecution is at present pending against any Ayurvedic Physician in both Guntur and Nellore Districts for failure to obtain licences for dealing asavas and arishtas and that the Government do not see any reason to exempt Ayurvedic Physicians from obtaining the licences prescribed under the Prohibition Act for the manufacture and sale of asavas and arishtas.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to the Board of Revenue(Excise)
Copy to the Collector of Guntur.
Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

/ True copy /

Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

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